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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed May 7th, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments (see Remarks, page 4) that, "remote control 40 of Hassel does not include a removable recording medium as recited in claim 29" have been noted. However Hassel has been relied upon for the teaching of a removable recording medium control medium that enables recording of content in the removable recording medium.

Applicant further argues (see Remarks, page 5) that, "the remote control of Allport only has sufficient memory to allow front end functions such as browsing available titles, or controlling other components" stating that (see Remarks, page 4), "[t]he Office Action points to Allport's remote control as having the (undefined) 'enough' memory, but there does not disclosure a remote control with a removable recording medium, a feature of the invention as claimed in claim 29". Examiner however respectfully disagrees with applicant's position that Allport's disclosure of remote controller of communicating with a removable storage memory is limited to merely "controlling other components". While Allport discloses (see col. 10 lines 40-42) that, "[t]he remote control 10 may also send commands to other devices such as DVD player, VCR, etc. for the control thereof", which is intended to read on the applicant's alleged "controlling other components", the invention of Allport further also allows video from input sources to be displayed for playback on the remote controller (see col. 5 lines 11-22). Moreover, the base station may be integrated

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with the remote controller (see col. 9 lines 21-22), wherein Allport notes that the base station receives data streams from various input sources such as “broadcast TV, cable TV, satellite TV, a VCR, a laser disc, a DVD, or any other source” (see col. 9 lines 48-51). In addition to the remote controller having its own memory, Allport also notes that input devices maybe coupled to the base station or integrated with the base station. See col. 15 lines 4-6. Accordingly it is within in the scope of Allport’s disclosure to modify the remote control to comprise a removable storage medium in an embodiment where it maybe integrated with the base station and input sources comprising removable recording medium, such as DVD. Accordingly the modified system comprises a remote controller means having a display unit and a removable recording medium.

For these reasons stated above, the rejection has been maintained.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to USHA RAMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7380. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm.

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